

"My Credit Union Story"

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My earliest COPFCU story begins in the basement police property room in City Hall. Irv Specht was the go-to person in 1960 if you wanted a CU loan. I asked for probably \$1,500 to \$2,000 so I could purchase a 1960 Corvair. Irv told me that I would need a co-signer to get the loan because I was a new member with little CU dealings. Since I was also a member of the recently graduated 38th police recruit class, I didn't feel close enough to any officer on my newly assigned relief to ask for a co-signer who had to be a CU member and CPD officer. I also didn't want to ask anyone in my recruit class to co-sign because they weren't established CU members. I didn't get the loan, but found other financing and was able to purchase the Corvair.

That was the only time I was turned down for a CU loan. Since those early days, I have had many CU car loans. Some had to go through the credit committee to get approval, but as my credit history grew, I always got instant approval for any loan for the full amount requested.

All the CU employees that I have dealt with over the past 50 years have always been very helpful and best of all they know you by first name. My daughter-in-law (Helen Lamping) was one of those employees for several years at the 8th & Freeman location.

Four of my children are current CU members and all have active accounts and three of my grandchildren are also CU members. For all of us, the CU has been our go to banking institution.

Ironically, I had to co-sign for my grandson when he purchased a PU truck about five years ago. It seems that some things will never change even as the CU has grown immensely since that first location in City Hall 75 years ago in 1935.

We thank the CU for all the financial help for 50 years.

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